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The following resolution was passed:—

Resolved, That the Secretary-Treasurer of this Society is hereby authorized to withdraw from the custody of the Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco one Moulton Irrigated Lands Company 6% First Mortgage Gold Bond, No. 144, and this resolution will be the authority of the said Mercantile Trust Company to deliver the said bond, upon application, to the said Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary read a communication from the Second Vice-President of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company of San Francisco, inviting the Society to quote a price for its Bay Counties Power Company 5% bonds which are due September 1, 1930. The Board decided by unanimous vote that it did not care to dispose of these securities.

There being no further routine business, the Board then resolved itself into a Special Meeting for the purpose of considering the Award of the Bruce Gold Medal of the Society for the year 1916.

In addition to the nine members present, whose names are given above, Secretary RICHARDSON held the proxies of Directors W. W. CAMPBELL and W. H. CROCKER.

Nominations were read from the six Observatories which act in an advisory capacity under the statutes which govern the award of the Bruce Medal, and a general discussion followed. A ballot was then taken which resulted in the unanimous selection of Professor GEORGE E. HALE, Director of the Mount Wilson Solar Observatory, as the Bruce Medalist for the year 1916.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL
SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD AT CHABOT OBSERV-
ATORY, OAKLAND, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER

27, 1915, AT 8:00 P. M.

After a brief statement by Mr. BURCKHALTER on the progress made in the construction of the new Chabot telescope and observatory, Mr. W. F. MEYER, Astronomer in Charge of the International Latitude Observatory at Ukiah, California, lectured on the subject: "Recent Results of the International Latitude Observatories."

Mr. MEYER, besides being an observer actively engaged in this work, has made a careful study of history of the investigations relating to the variation of terrestrial latitudes. His address gave his hearers an excellent account of the phenomena, and the laws underlying them, as well as of the methods of observation.

It is feared that the war may interfere with the coöperative plan of observation which has been in effect for the past fifteen years to such an extent as to close some or even all of the latitude stations. The Astronomical Society of the Pacific joins with astronomers generally in the hope that means may be found to prevent this unfortunate interruption to an important investigation.

D. S. RICHARDSON, *Secretary*.